

COUNTRY East Germany Approved For Release 2003/12/10 : CIA-RDP80-00810A001400210007-6

TOPIC Soviet Troop Trains and VP Trains

EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 8 to 22 April 1953

DATE OBTAINED DATE PREPARED 4 May 1953

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REFERENCES

PAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. Troop trains identified [redacted] between 17 and 22 April 1953 included:

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Date in April	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
17	106 axles	Potsdam	Altengrabow
	94 axles	Wildpark	Altengrabow
	96 axles	Wildpark	Altengrabow
19	1 boxcar and 9 flatcars	Frankfurt/Oder	Oranienburg
22	30 boxcars and 25 flatcars	Brandenburg	Neuruppin

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2. Troop trains to Altengrabow identified [redacted] on 17 April included: a train of 19 boxcars and 34 flatcars, [redacted] from Potsdam; a train of 19 boxcars and 26 flatcars, [redacted] and another train of 17 boxcars and 28 flatcars, [redacted] from Wildpark.<sup>1</sup>

3. The following troop trains were [redacted] on 19 and 20 April:

Date in April	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
19	18 converted boxcars, Satz Korn		Colbitz

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39 boxcars and  
90 flatcars

13 converted boxcars, Pathenow Altengrabow  
14 boxcars and  
66 flatcars

20 48 boxcars and Satz Korn Wolmirstedt  
42 flatcars

62 boxcars and Pathenow Altengrabow  
83 flatcars

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[redacted] troops were entrained in the Halle railroad district and  
shipped to the Eisenach area on 17 and 18 April. [redacted]  
stated that about 60 tanks and 80 trucks, [redacted]  
[redacted] were loaded at Halle on 17 April.

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5. Between 19 and 21 April, the following troop trains passed [redacted]  
[redacted] toward Lieberose:

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Date in April

Composition of Troop Trains

19

15 boxcars and  
25 flatcars with  
6 x 57-mm AT guns and trucks

5 boxcars and  
31 flatcars with  
57-mm AT guns and trucks

three troop trains of  
undetermined composition

20

12 boxcars and  
26 flatcars with trucks

7 boxcars and  
11 flatcars with trucks

6 boxcars and  
14 flatcars with  
T-34 tanks

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10 boxcars and  
34 flatcars with  
trucks, [redacted]

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7 boxcars and  
12 flatcars with  
tanks, [redacted]

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7 flatcars with  
trucks, [redacted]

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6. Railroad shipments observed by [REDACTED] 3 and 22 April included: a troop train with about 200 soldiers and eight T-34 tanks from Prora to Ueckermuende on 8 April; 7 two VP trains with about 1,000 VP infantry from Neubrandenburg to Ueckermuende on 12 April; 8 a troop train with a troop unit, 3 tanks, 8 armored scout cars and 8 trucks, [REDACTED] loaded at Prenzlau, on 22 April; 9 and a troop train with a troop unit, 8 x 45-mm AT guns, and 40 trucks from Bernau to Eberswalde also on 22 April. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. On 16 and 17 April 1953, about eight troop trains of the 34th Arty Div to Altengrabow were previously reported by [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop train carried artillery units of the 12th Gds Tank Div which returned to their home station via Brandenburg. On 13 April 1953, the same units moved to Altengrabow on a troop train with [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. Between 15 and 20 April 1953, 20 troop trains of the 10th Gds Tank Div from Satzborn to Letzling Heath were reported [REDACTED]

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. The troop trains from Rathenow to Altengrabow carried elements of the 65th Mort Brig (US). The troop train with shipment- / record [REDACTED] was previously confirmed [REDACTED]

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5. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] about 11 troop trains of the 21st Gds Mecz Div went from Halle to Lossa between 13 and 18 April 1953. [REDACTED]

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6. [REDACTED] Comment. Between 15 and 21 April 1953, about 20 troop trains of the 7th Gds Mecz Div went from Frankfurt/Oder and Fuerstenwalde to Lieberose via Muellrose. [REDACTED]

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7. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably a contingent of the VP Division Prora which moved to the training area north of Pasewalk for firing practice with live ammunition.

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8. [REDACTED] Comment. Probably VP units of Armeegruppe Nord which returned from their winter quarters to the area north of Pasewalk.

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9. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] a troop train of the 25th Tank Div which probably went to Templin.

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10. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the unidentified AT artillery brigade of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army which, [REDACTED] left for Templin between 21 and 23 April 1953. [REDACTED]

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